



COMDTINST 6490.1A

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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 6490.1A

Subj: Contemporary Prescription Eyewear Procurement

Ref: (a) COMDTINST M6000.1B, Medical Manual
(b) COMDTINST M4400.3(series), Comptroller Manual, Vol. III

1. PURPOSE. This instruction establishes procedures for the procurement and cost sharing of contemporary prescription eyewear. The contents of this instruction apply to all active duty Coast Guard personnel.
2. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. Commandant Instruction 6490.1, Contemporary Prescription Eyewear Procurement, is canceled.
3. BACKGROUND. This pilot program for active duty Coast Guard members was established to give active duty members the option of cost sharing nonstandard prescription eyewear.
4. DISCUSSION.
 - a. As a work-life improvement measure, Commandant (G-K) has instituted this cost-sharing program as a permanent option to provide contemporary prescription eyewear for active duty Coast Guard personnel who are eligible for standard eyewear, aviation glasses, and boat crewman goggles, and active duty personnel from other uniformed services detailed to the Coast Guard. A contract with UNICOR, Federal Prisons Industries, Butner, NC has been established which allows active duty members to order contemporary eyewear directly from UNICOR Optics at a significant savings.

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4. b. The cost of the eyewear will be cost shared between the Coast Guard and the member. The Coast Guard will apply the amount it would have paid for government issue eyewear (\$10.00 for single vision lenses and \$15.00 for multi-vision lenses) toward the cost of the contemporary eyewear. The member's cost share, approximately \$20.00 to \$40.00 depending on options, is the difference between the Coast Guard's cost share and the price of the eyewear.
- c. For members who prefer not to opt for contemporary eyewear, standard and nonstandard eyewear will continue to be provided without cost to the member. Nonstandard eyewear, e.g., aviation glasses, boat crew goggles, contact lenses for medically indicated conditions, polar operation eyewear, and both prescription and non-prescription safety eyewear shall continue to be procured from government sources of supply, or commercial vendors as appropriate, without cost to the members as per references (a) and (b).

5. IMPLEMENTATION.

- a. Coast Guard clinics and other selected sites have been issued a display sample of contemporary eyewear frames, a UNICOR Optics catalog with a current price list, including options (tints, bi-focals, tri-focals, etc.) and UNICOR Optics prescription ordering forms (FPI 54). The display sample frames shall be maintained at clinics and be made available for members use. Clinics shall also maintain supplies of UNICOR Optics forms and catalogs and shall fit the eyewear members receive from UNICOR Optics.
- b. Active duty members are authorized to procure, on a cost shared basis, two pair of contemporary prescription eyewear during a two-year period. Contemporary eyewear may be ordered more frequently if a significant change occurs in the member's vision.

6. ORDERING INFORMATION.

- a. Members with a current refraction may report to any Coast Guard clinic to choose a frame, be properly fitted and complete a contemporary eyewear ordering form. Members unable to visit a Coast Guard clinic may contract a clinic to request appropriate sections of the UNICOR Optics catalog and contemporary eyewear ordering forms. When completing the contemporary eyewear ordering form, enter the following in the CUSTOMER (BILL TO:) section:

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Washington, DC 20593-0001

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6. b. A money order from any source, or a certified bank check are the only acceptable methods of payment for UNICOR Optics contemporary eyewear. Personal checks and cash will not be accepted by UNICOR Optics and will be returned to the member. Members should retain the (yellow) fourth copy of the contemporary eyewear ordering form and the money order receipt for their records. Mail the contemporary eyewear ordering form, along with the money order made out to UNICOR Optics in the amount of the member's cost share, directly to:

UNICOR, Federal Prison Industries, Inc.
Federal Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 757
Butner, NC 27509-0757
- c. Unicolor Optics will mail the eyewear directly to the ship to address as shown on the ordering form in two to four weeks. The member may then make arrangements for the eyewear to be fitted at a Coast Guard clinic, if so desired.
- d. Although refunds are not allowed, contemporary eyewear may be returned to UNICOR Optics, at no cost to the member, within sixty days of receipt to correct any and all discrepancies, e.g., shipping damage, prescription errors, ordering form errors and errors of fabrication. Members are encouraged to call a UNICOR Optics representative if they have any questions, using the number on the ordering form. Members must include a home (with area code) or work telephone number (with area code) on the ordering form so that UNICOR Optics may contact the number to correct any ordering errors.
7. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, unit commanding officers, and Commander, Coast Guard Activities Europe shall insure widest dissemination and compliance with the provisions of this instruction.
8. FORMS/CATALOG AND TRIAL FRAMES SET AVAILABILITY. Initial issue of UNICOR Optics prescription ordering forms (FPI 54), catalogs, and display samples of contemporary eyewear frames will be provided by the Federal Prison Industries to all Coast Guard clinics. Additional forms may be obtained from UNICOR, Federal Prison Industries, Inc., Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 757, Butner, NC 27509-0757, using form number FPI 54.

/s/

MICHAEL HUDGINS
Chief, Office of Health and Safety

Encl: (1) Instructions for completing contemporary eyewear ordering form (FPI 54)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CONTEMPORARY EYEWEAR ORDERING FORM

JOB NUMBER: Leave blank.

CUSTOMER'S TRAY NUMBER: Leave blank.

ARRIVAL DATE: Leave blank.

TRAY NUMBER: Leave blank.

CUSTOMER: Enter "Commandant (G-KRM-1), USCG Headquarters."

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Enter "Washington, DC 20593-0001."

COST BREAKDOWN-LENSES: Enter the cost of the lenses as listed in the catalog.

FRAME: Enter the cost of the frame as listed in the catalog.

EXTRA: Enter the cost of the tint or other options, if any, along with price as listed in the catalog.
Space is provided for two extra cost items.

CASE: Enter the cost of the safety carrying case (optional) as listed in the catalog.

TOTAL: Add the cost of the lenses, frame, all extra items, and case. Subtract \$10.00 for single vision prescriptions or \$15.00 for bifocal or trifocal prescriptions from the total, and place the new total in the SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS section. The total in the SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS section is the amount that you will have to enclose with your ordering form.

Note: You must enclose a postal money order with the correct amount.

PATIENT INFORMATION: Print your Rank/Rate, full name, and complete work telephone number, including area code.





SHIP TO ADDRESS: Print the address of where you would like the eyewear sent.

PRESCRIPTION INFORMATION: Ask a Health Services Technician or contract provider to fill all sections regarding prescription information, beginning with SPHERE and ending with TEMPLE LENGTH AND STYLE.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Print "TOTAL PAID BY MEMBER - (and dollar amount)" and print "MONEY ORDER ATTACHED."

Keep the customer's copy for your receipt.

Enclosure (1) to COMDTINST 6490.1A

		UNICOR, Federal Prison Industries, Inc. Federal Correctional Institution Box 757 Butner, N C 27509-0757 919-575-4541 (FTS 629-8508) FAX (919)575-6280		JOB NUMBER					
		CUSTOMER'S TRAY NO		ARRIVAL DATE		TRAY NUMBER			
CUSTOMER (BILL TO) Commandant (G-KRM-1), U.S. Coast Guard									
CITY Washington		STATE DC		ZIP 20543-0001					
COST BREAKDOWN - LENSES		\$ 12.67		PATIENT INFORMATION					
FRAME		\$ 14.48		DC3 John Saylor (202) 267-2829					
EXTRA		\$ 5.00		SHIP TO ADDRESS					
EXTRA		\$ 5.00		Commanding Officer USCGC Sedge (WLB-402) P.O. Box 101 Homer, AK 99603-0101 Attn: DC3 Saylor					
CASE		\$.50							
TOTAL		\$ 32.65 - 10.00							
DISTANCE	R	SPHERE	CYLINDER	AXIS	PRISM	DIRECTION	IN	DEC	OUT
	L	+1.25	-.50	090					
ADD	R	+1.25	-.25	090					
	L								
		SEGMENT INSTRUCTIONS		PUPILLARY WIDTH		TINT COATINGS			
		HEIGHT	WIDTH	INSET	DIST	NEAR	PINK #1		
		R	R	R	63	61			
		L	L	L					
		GLASS	STRAIGHT TOP	EXECUTIVE TYPE	ROUND	TRIFOCAL AND TYPE	STANDARD THICKNESS <input type="checkbox"/>		
		PLASTIC					INDUSTRIAL THICKNESS 3.0 MM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
			28		22				
FRAME ON SHAPE		COLOR		EYE SIZE		BRIDGE SIZE		TEMPLE LENGTH AND STYLE	
FPI-8		Mahogany		56		13		5 3/4	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS Total paid by member - \$ 22.65									
() LENS ONLY MONEY ORDER ATTACHED									
() FRAMES ONLY									
() MAILING INSTRUCTIONS									
TOP COPY UNICOR FILE COPY SECOND COPY PRODUCTION COPY THIRD COPY QA COPY FOURTH COPY CUSTOMER'S COPY									
John Q Saylor				12/9/92					
SIGNATURE				DATE					

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